

TOO BIG FOR SWADDLING CLOTHES

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SLACKERS AND OTHER BACKSLIDERS

NO COPPERHEADS boasted of their pacifism in the years following Appomattox. Men who in the sixties fought against the draft and rioted to avoid service spent the rest of their lives concealing the fact.

That intolerable proletariat, Blease, who was driven into obscurity by the voters of South Carolina, has emerged as a spokesman for pacifism. "What do we care what happens to those who come after us?" he is reported to have argued, in effect.

We are printing day by day pictures of the men who will be Philadelphia's representatives in the new national army. They will fight by the side of those other Pennsylvanians who have put this Commonwealth at the head of all the States in the number of voluntary enlistments for service with the regular forces.

It is not surprising that in the ranks of slackers there can be found scarcely one successful man. The fellow who is anchored to a fixed spot in his life work, who has never shown the courage to be up and doing, to fight for success and get it, is the howler now.

We do not want to be thanking God that we are not as other men are, but the evidence indicates that slackers and the climate less congenial in Pennsylvania than in any other State. Possibly most of the breed emigrated to Oklahoma in search of easy money.

THE INNS OF YESTERDAY

GERMANS see the loss of yesterday's... The innkeepers of Philadelphia...

demolition of the old Colonnade suggests a timely stanza. Like ships, hotels beyond a certain age have personality.

IS MR. SPROUL BETTING THAT PENROSE WILL RETIRE?

PENROSE has better luck than "Boss" Murphy. The Tammany chieftain has a hard time finding an honest man to run for office, but our Tammany leader encounters no difficulty in picking a citizen to "stand for" the Organization.

Perhaps Mr. Sproul thinks he will have good luck. Perhaps he thinks it is just possible that Penrose will retire or become indisposed, leaving him free to be as good a Governor as he doubtless would like to be.

CAUTION

WHEN the Greeks bear gifts wise men lock their doors. We are exceedingly hopeful that the Mayor and his friends have been able to write the kind of transit lease which they enthusiastically claim they have written.

VIGILANCE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS

A LOCAL newspaper apologizes in a half-hearted sort of way for devoting editorial attention to a local matter when all the world is at war.

There's a hyphen in "non-partisan," but this time the hyphen for once has an honest flavor.

Evidently when the Mayor disclosed his purpose really to clean up the city he did not tell it to the marines.

Conscripted men, huddled in close rooms awaiting examination, would probably agree that General Crowder is well named.

Judging from the number of adjournments, the only thing the Irish convention seems able to agree upon is to quit working.

Germany is now said to be making coffins of paper, but it is safe to say that she is not getting a scrap from Belgium.

Bear, the new Congressman from North Dakota, wants to know what the war aims of the United States are.

JOB-HUNTING IN WARTIME

Many Young Patriots Eager to Do Their Fighting in Washington

Special Correspondence of the Evening Ledger WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10. ONE does not have to go to Oklahoma, or to Arizona, or to Montana, to find American citizens who are not disposed to take up arms for the war in Europe.

There is the unmarried, able-bodied chap who has closely read the law and the regulations, who is already in the Federal service. He is legion in Washington just now.

It is necessary, of course, to fill many of these positions and to man the various voluntary agencies like the Red Cross, the National War Reliefs Commission, the Council of National Defense, and many worthy young men do their service in this way.

A Harsh Measure

It cannot be denied now, as it was not when the bill was before Congress, that conscription is a harsh measure.

The President said he must have men to prosecute the war, and that was self-evident, Congress passed the bill.

For Sadie, with a smile, supplied some stunning summer smocks, and Myrtille volunteered a ducky bonnet.

STARTING UPON VACATION

Oh, but I'm prayin' the gods will deliver ye Safe from the onslaughts of baggage-men drunk; How I am hoping that no bump will shiver ye—

THE INCARNADINER

We saw Senator Penrose at luncheon one day in Washington, and his reasons for opposing the food control bill begin to dawn upon us.

KIBRENSKY is to be commended

for his War Cabinet men whose names are more pronounced than most of the Russian handles.

TO MILTON: 1917

Milton, I see it's quite the proper thing To write a sonnet or perhaps a page And call on you to come back here to us—

Hoover's Rich Bureau

But one of the richest of all of the employment bureaus will be that over which Mr. Hoover, the food administrator, is to preside.

Mr. Hoover is expected to bring down the cost of living. There are many people in Congress and out who doubt his ability to do so.

Here's the way the American names run in the list of men accepted for service in a Manhattan District: Weinstein, Segal, Kalaban, Rosavitsky, Klueck, Bigansky, Mechanic, Rescigno, Greenberg, Kondasha, Lipnitz, Beyer, Boltax, Arsin, Koltens, Moshensky and so on to the number of sixty.

Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET Whenever it's a Sat. An' here come verac you spy, It means that I have had To work upon a Fri.

I've written "hat" for "had"— As you'll observe above— I wouldn't be so bad If I had time enove.

But when you're working fast An' rhymes are slow to come, You can't complete the fast Except by taking some.

For if you worked too long You'd have to cut the golf, Which you'll agree is wrong (If you're a bug yourself).

But bad as are my rhymes, (I know) You said it first, As scores denote, betimes, My golf is even worst.

But just you wait an' read Tomorrow's sporting news! For there you will have seen How well at times I doce.

Whenever on a Sat. Such stuff as this you spy, It means that I have had To practice on a Fri.

LEAVING none too lightly from our train in Broad Street Station on Thursday, after having been properly licked in the Bala golf tournament, we shambled down the platform behind a young woman whose suitcase bore the legend

ALICE BORIE, Aurora, N. Y. We sensed a laugh in that somewhere, but we didn't get it until we read it backward.

A contributor suggests that we call our lads in France "American Rangers." But Webster's first definition of ranger runs: "One who ranges; a rover; sometimes one who ranges for plunder; a roving robber."

Oh, you will never know me in these fussy, fluffly frocks— I'm a summer girl, and there's my hand upon it!

Safe from the onslaughts of baggage-men drunk; How I am hoping that no bump will shiver ye— Lock o' me trunk, Lock o' me trunk!

WE WERE on our way home from vacation and we stopped in at the New York Aquarium. It isn't a nice place in summer.

It is French to the very core and beyond. It has remained so during forty-seven weary years of trial and enforced German domination.

Geographically compared to Alsace itself, the area reconquered is relatively small, but it voices a sentiment existent throughout the provincial boundaries.

There were two sisters in the early thirties. Their parents were dead. These had remained true to their France despite the Treaty of Frankfurt.

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Alsatian Killed Boche Officer and Joined the Republic's Army

By HENRI BAZIN Special Correspondent of the Evening Ledger PARIS, July 11. I HAVE made a pilgrimage to the most French portion of France-Alsace.

I spent three days in its reconquered sections as the guest of the French War Office, under personal escort of courteous officers, and in the company of M. Henri Poncet, chief of the press service in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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What Do You Know?

QUIZ 1. What were the two food bills which President Wilson signed yesterday?

2. What American city was virtually destroyed by fire six times in three years?

3. What is the meaning of the French word "diner" used in the expression "in line of duty"?

4. What is a periscope?

5. Who are the Basques and where do they dwell?

6. What is the American military order of the Purple Heart?

7. What is the largest city in Africa?

8. Who is recognized as the most eminent actress of Italy?

9. When was "Uncle Tom's Cabin" first published?

10. How did the name "Mrs. Grundy" come to be proverbial of conventional propriety and morality?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Colonel E. M. House is a native of Texas.

2. The "Birmingham" was written by Claude Joseph Ruyet de Lisle, a French captain of engineers, in 1792.

3. David Livingstone was a celebrated explorer of central Africa. His dates are 1813-1873.

4. The facetious term "Jehu" applied to a British driver originating from his classmate, King, in 20. "And the driving is like the driver of a die," the son of Nimrod for his drithly fury.

5. "Himmusagen" is a corruption of the word "Himmusagen" which means a person who is or counterfeit knock. Many articles have been written about the Birmingham house, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

6. Etienne-Louis "Reichenau" of Alsace-Lorraine, there are twenty-five States in the German Empire.

THE DISCOVERY OF PERPETUAL MOTION

IT WAS solemnly announced in Philadelphia in 1812 that the principle of perpetual motion had been discovered, and everybody believed it.

Charles Redheffer, of Germantown, announced it early in the summer and inserted an advertisement in the papers. Editorials predicted that to the triumph of Pennsylvania in the quadrants of steamboat was to be added the accomplishment of "that which for centuries had occupied, perplexed and puzzled the philosopher and experimental world," a completely and perfectly demonstrated self-operating and self-moving machine.

The contrivance was described, it was said that "the power of gravitation was applied to produce a perpetual horizontal action, produced by the pressure of weights in two corresponding boxes, on a plane inclined in an angle of forty-five degrees."

November 26, City Councils adopted a resolution appointing a committee to ascertain whether Redheffer's invention "might not be made capable of raising to a sufficient height a sufficient quantity of water for the use of the citizens of Philadelphia." (Note the readiness with which Councils, which for years turned down the perfectly demonstrated illuminating gas project, were ready to spend money on a wild-goose chase.)

Next day the first published objection to the "discovery" appeared in the Aurora, signed "Hiltenshouse." The writer said the machine had never been seen in action for more than half a day, and called it a deception.

A Mr. Lukens then made an imitation of the machine, as described, to show it was incapable of generating power. To these objections the editor of the Aurora replied in indignant terms. Lukens and Hiltenshouse were dragging the wheels of progress over the State Legislature and in 1813 a committee was appointed by the House to examine into the published objection to the "discovery" of perpetual motion.

Redheffer agreed to an investigation on a certain date. Before the day came he told the committee that it would not be convenient for him to explain the workings of his machine. Later he said he would not show how it worked at all. The committee was discharged and the editor of the Aurora threw Redheffer over.

The inventor took his machine to New York, but news of his troubles had by this time gone about the country and nobility was despatched. Later Robert Fulton was



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